

Full Time Student

Definition of a Student

- Full time status at a high school or college is usually defined as 4 academic courses at high schools, or 12 credits at colleges, per semester.
- Learning disabled students may be covered taking fewer than 12 credits if the school or the primary care physician states in writing that he/she is working up to his/her capacity.
- Graduate students are considered full time if they are taking at least 9 credits per semester.

If a student is injured or ill and is therefore forced to drop out of school with the intention to return once he/she recovers from the illness or injury, coverage may be continued for up to one year with medical director approval. If a child drops out of school for any other reason he/she is no longer an eligible dependent.

Submit to Aetna Acceptable Proof

- A letter from the school's registrar or bursar stating that the child is a full-time student
- A copy of the current roster showing a full schedule
- A paid receipt that shows at least 12 semester credit hours.

Note: Aetna will not accept a receipt showing a paid amount but number of credit hours is not available as acceptable proof.

Note: If a child receives a student status letter over the summer break, he/she may send an acceptance letter clearly marking the child's ID#. The member should submit acceptable proof of full-time student status as soon as it becomes available.

Letters are sent annually requesting proof of student status based on the dependents date of birth. Note: If the graduation date is sooner than that year's date of birth, the letter is sent based on the graduation date.

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